

10. **(Amended)** The polypeptide of any one of claims 8, or 55-65 further comprising heterologous amino acid sequences.

Please add new claims 55-65 as follows:

55. An isolated naturally occurring allelic variant of a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:28, or SEQ ID NO:30.

56. An isolated a polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 60% identical to a nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:21, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:27, or SEQ ID NO:29.

57. An isolated a polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 90% identical to a nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:21, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:27, or SEQ ID NO:29.

58. An isolated a polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 95% identical to a nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:21, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:27, or SEQ ID NO:29, wherein said polypeptide is capable of interacting with a potassium channel.

59. An isolated naturally occurring allelic variant of a protein consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:18, or SEQ ID NO:20, or SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:28, or SEQ ID NO:30, wherein the protein is encoded by a nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes to a complement of a nucleic acid molecule consisting of SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:21, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:27, or SEQ ID NO:29, respectively, in 6X SSC at 45 °C, followed by one or more washes in 0.2X SSC, 0.1% SDS at 50-65 °C.

60. An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence which is at least 60% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:28, or SEQ ID NO:30.

61. An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence which is at least 90% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:28, or SEQ ID NO:30.

62. An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence which is at least 95% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:28, or SEQ ID NO:30, wherein said polypeptide is capable of interacting with a potassium channel.

63. An isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:28, or SEQ ID NO:30.

64. An isolated polypeptide consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:28, or SEQ ID NO:30.

65. An isolated polypeptide encoded by the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number 98937, 98939, 98941, 98947, 98948, 98950, 98951, 98991, or 98993.